

and property from floods, drought, and the products of erosion on any watershed whenever fire, flood, or any other natural occurrence is causing or has caused a sudden impairment of that watershed.

(Pub. L. 95-334, title IV, § 403, Aug. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 434; Pub. L. 104-127, title III, § 382, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1016.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 inserted “, including the purchase of floodplain easements,” after “emergency measures”.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION ACTIVITIES

Pub. L. 100-387, title IV, § 402, as added Pub. L. 101-82, title V, § 503, Aug. 14, 1989, 103 Stat. 586, provided that: “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture may provide disaster relief assistance in accordance with this section to repair damage caused by storms occurring in 1988 or 1989 to watersheds located in any county in any State, to the extent that funds authorized by this section remain available.

“(b) FORM OF ASSISTANCE.—The assistance authorized by this section—

“(1) includes both financial and technical assistance; and

“(2) shall be provided in a manner consistent with similar assistance authorized under section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2203).

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 1990.”

§ 2204. Authorization of appropriations; availability of funds; implementation of provisions; limitations on expenditures

There are authorized to be appropriated such funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Such funds shall remain available until expended. In implementing the provisions of this chapter, the Secretary of Agriculture may use the facilities, services, and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation. The Corporation shall not make any expenditures to carry out the provisions of this chapter unless funds specifically appropriated for such purpose have been transferred to it.

(Pub. L. 95-334, title IV, § 404, Aug. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 434.)

§ 2205. Regulations for implementation of provisions

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prescribe such regulations as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 95-334, title IV, § 405, Aug. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 434.)

CHAPTER 43—PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AREAS

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§ 2301. Congressional statement of findings and purpose

(a) The Congress hereby finds that—

(1) the purpose of the National Park System is to preserve outstanding natural, scenic, historic, and recreation areas for the enjoyment, education, inspiration, and use of all people;

(2) units of the National Park System have recently been established near major metropolitan areas in order to preserve remaining open space and to provide recreational opportunities for urban residents (many of whom do not have access to personal motor vehicles); and

(3) circumstances which necessarily require people desiring to visit units of the National Park System to rely on personal motor vehicles may diminish the natural and recreational value of such units by causing traffic congestion and environmental damage, and by requiring the provision of roads, parking, and other facilities in ever-increasing numbers and density.

(b) The purpose of this chapter is to make the National Park System more accessible in a manner consistent with the preservation of parks and the conservation of energy by encouraging the use of transportation modes other than personal motor vehicles for access to and within units of the National Park System with minimum disruption to nearby communities through authorization of a pilot transportation program.

(Pub. L. 95-344, title III, § 301, Aug. 15, 1978, 92 Stat. 477.)

§ 2302. Transportation service and facility programs

(a) Formulation and implementation of plans and projects developed pursuant to plans

The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as “Secretary”) is authorized to formulate transportation plans and implement transportation projects where feasible pursuant to those plans for units of the national park system.

(b) Contracts, acquisitions, etc., for improvement of access to park system units

To carry out the purposes of subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary is authorized to—

(1) contract with public or private agencies or carriers to provide transportation services, capital equipment, or facilities to improve access to units of the national park system;

(2) operate such services directly in the absence of suitable and adequate agencies or carriers;

(3) acquire by purchase, lease, or agreement, capital equipment for such services; and

(4) where necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, acquire by lease, purchase, donation, exchange, or transfer, lands, waters, and interests therein which are situated outside the boundary of a unit of the national park system, which property shall be